



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

September 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 24 Rental
- 24 Sunday PasiCats Band 2-4 pm
- 31 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day - Closed
- 5 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 10 Wednesday Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10 Rental
- 14 Sunday Brunch 12-1:30 pm
- 14 Finnish Lecturers of the Year 2:30 pm
Filmmaking producers of Yoopera!
Coffee table to follow program.
- 17 Rental
- 19 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 19 Pasty Prep
- 20 Pasty Bake & Sale
- 21 40th Anniversary of Finnish Center Building
Dedication 2-4 pm. Coffee and refreshments.
- 24 Rental
- 24 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon Noon
- 27 Saturday Silent Auction 11-4 pm
- 28 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 8 Rental
- 11 Flea Market 9 am - 3 pm
- 12 Sunday Brunch Noon -1:30 pm
- 15 Rental

Weekly Events

- Finnish American Singers
Mondays 7 pm
- Library
Open Monday 10 am-2 pm
- Nikkarin Talo
Mondays 9 am
- Finlandia Garden Club
Mondays 9 am

Monthly Events

- Finnish Conversation
1st Friday of the month 10 am
- Book Club
Last Monday of the month 1 pm
- Luncheon
Last Wednesday of the month Noon
- Open House
Last Sunday of the month 1-4 pm



**RESERVATIONS ARE
SUGGESTED FOR
DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS**

FCA PASTIES SEPTEMBER 20

In my six years of pasty making at the FCA, I estimate that we have baked more than 20,000 pasties. Can you imagine how many have been made in our kitchen in the previous 34 years? 150,000? 200,000?

Reservations are recommended and **all orders are to be picked up on Saturday between 11 and 4**: Order in one of these methods.

1) Email to FCA-pasties@comcast.net. Cost is \$5 each, but if you order 10 or more by email you can save 10%. Provide name, phone, and quantity.

2) Use the sign-up sheet in the FCA lobby. Cost is \$5 each.

Volunteers are needed to help on Friday the 19th from 10 to 2 and Saturday the 20th anytime between 7 and 3. Please contact me at prajala@comcast.net.

Paul Rajala



SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDENS

We've been busy at the end of the summer removing invasive species in the gardens. White and yellow sweet clover popped up this year (it's a biennial) and the dry spell made it thrive. As its deep tap root made removal difficult, we had to resort to cutting it close to the ground and removing as much as possible before seed set as the seeds are viable for 30 years. Purple loosestrife, although a beautiful color, also needed to be removed. As both of these were in the wetlands and had the potential to enter the watershed we have the responsibility as environmental stewards to monitor our property for all invasive species and remove and dispose of them in the appropriate manor. No garlic mustard or phragmites were noted this year.

You may notice the addition of several new hydrangea in the west evergreen gardens donated to us when they were removed from a neighboring garden. We try to accept plant donations as long as we have the personnel to relocate, the plants are healthy, we have the appropriate growing conditions, and we receive sufficient notice. If you have something interesting to donate please contact Gayle Gullen (734) 546-5190 or David Sharpe (248) 477-5709.

If you have any questions, comments, or donations, you can contact me at 734-546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com.

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The summer is almost over. I hope everyone has enjoyed the long summer days. Personally we have traveled through Canada and the United States on a trip to Alaska and have come across many people of Finnish origin along the way. Our last stop before returning back to Michigan was Minneapolis attending the FinnFest.

It was nice to connect with other Finns from all over United States and Finland. A lot of nice memories remain. A lot of contacts and new ideas were gathered during the yearly event of fostering the Finnish Culture and connecting with friends and learning something on the way.

Slowly but surely our beloved Finnish Center is adjusting to the modern ways of communicating through social media. We are also making inroads with the younger Finnish generations. I hope that we all recognize the importance of this for our long term survival. We all must do our best efforts to get the third and fourth generation Finns involved with the FCA.

The financial health and the recruitment of new members are two keys for our continued success. Today we are financially on reasonably solid ground and we have been improving our membership recruitment of younger members.

I was away for a month on our trip. It was really encouraging to come back and see that FCA operation went smoothly. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers for their hard work and commitment to FCA success.

Mia Lamminen, Chairman

SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, September 27, 2014

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the Finnish Center, or contact Lila Ball at (248) 682-6792 to schedule a pick-up.



JULY POKER ALL STARS

Thank you to the following volunteers: Neil Manley, Marlene Ruuskanen, Paul Rajala, Lois Makee, Ilene Yanke, Cortland Book, Bruce Mikko, Helena Hatten, Jesse Hatten, Norbert Leppanen, Roger Wanttaja, Nancy Sannar, Neil Lehto and Fran Fadie.

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



Those of us fortunate enough to attend the concert at the Finnish Center on July 14 will not soon forget those 24 lovely girls, all dressed in identical Marimekko dresses, who sang like angels. They could not have chosen a more appropriate song for an introduction than “Kotimaani omi Suomi” (“My homeland is Finland”), written by a Finnish immigrant, Jooseppi Riippa, before his tragic death in 1896. Their final number was — what else? — the hymn from “Finlandia”!

The group was the Raahe Youth Choir from Raahe, Finland, who stopped for the evening en route to Petoskey, Michigan, where they participated in the Children of the World in Harmony International Choir and Dance Festival. Members ranged in age from 12 to 19. In addition to the U.S., the group has visited Norway, Sweden, Estonia, Great Britain, Hungary, Austria, China, Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia. There the choir had concerts in Newcastle, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Sydney.

The group is directed by Pauli Ylitalo, a retired music teacher, who founded the choir in 1976. Besides his career as a teacher, Pauli Ylitalo has written plays, cabarets, and cantatas, as well as texts for choirs and soloists. His wife Ritva accompanied him and the choir as his assistant. She is an English teacher in Finland.

Ylitalo presented us with a beautiful hardcover book *UUSIN PURJEIN (WITH NEW SAILS)*, with text by Ylitalo, and close to two hundred photographs of the Raahe area by Auno Aunola. Captions to the pictures are at the back of the book. The book is available in our library. Interspersed among the photographs in the book are 14 poems written by Ylitalo, which he originally wrote for a cantata in 1999 to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of Raahe.

The book begins with a history of Raahe in Finnish, which can be found in translation at the back of the book. Raahe was founded by a Swedish statesman and Governor General of Finland, Count Per Brahe 49. The town is named after him. (When Finnish adopts a foreign word with more than one initial consonant, the first consonant is dropped, hence

(B)raahe. The extra “a” was added for ease of pronunciation in Finnish.) The town is located on the shore of the Gulf of Bothnia in Oulu province, 74 kilometers, or 46 miles south of Oulu. It currently has a population of 26,000. Their largest industry is the Rautaruukki Steelworks. The port of Raahe is the sixth busiest port in Finland, with about 700 ships visiting each year.

At one time Raahe had more sailing ships than any other town in Finland. They exported butter, tar and timber, and often returned with salt. As steamships developed, sailing ships began to lose trade and because of the unemployment this caused, many from Raahe joined the other emigrants leaving for America.

A great attraction in Raahe is the historic old wooden town, one of only 10 such towns existing in Finland. Old Town is a lively part of Raahe. The area consists of about 150 old houses and 200 outbuildings. It is not an open air museum, but a living part of town. It relates the history of construction and living in the town from across the centuries to the present. There are also five museums in Raahe.

You can find *UUSIN PURJEIN* in our library in the Geography of Finland section, Dewey number 914.71 Au.

Lillian Lehto, FCA librarian



Raahe Choir

MEMORIALS

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund. The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Happiness Fund, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the General Fund for expenses of the Center.

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

You may also direct your donation toward the Senior Housing, but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name, address, date of death of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed. **Also include all names of donors.** If the deceased is a non member of the FCA please include city and state of residence.

In memory of FCA life member **Robert “Bob” Salo** (7/12/13) donations have been made by his nephew Richard Salo and by Ceal Hanchar.

In memory of FCA life member **Wilbert “Wil” Suokas** (6/27/14) a donation has been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member **Robert “Bob” Lahti** (2/26/14) a donation has been made by Shirley & Al Burke.

The FCA also wishes to extend condolences to the family and friends of:

FCA life member **Waino Tervo** (7/4/14)



SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014
10 AM – 4 PM

at

Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48335
 (248) 478-6939 or (734) 834-6085
 \$1 Donation at the door

COME ENJOY THE
 SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS & TASTES FROM
 DENMARK, SWEDEN, FINLAND, NORWAY & ICELAND

GOING PLACES

Stratford - Wednesday, September 10, \$139. The wonderful musical “Crazy for You” will have you tapping your toes to greats like “I Got Rhythm” and “Nice Work If You Can Get It”. A buffet lunch will be at the Queen’s Inn. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 7:30 am and return about 9:15 pm.

Comerica Park - Wednesday, September 24, \$59. The Detroit Tigers will be battling against the Chicago White Sox. Great seats - lower baseline box seats! This will be Senior Day so you will get a coupon for a hot dog and a soft drink. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 11:30 am and return about 5 pm.

Deutsche Detroit - Thursday, October 9, \$54. You will experience a bit of German heritage beginning with a driving tour of Palmer Park, including the 62 room, 40,000 square foot home built by the Fisher brothers for Bishop Gallagher. A traditional German lunch and sing-a-long will be at the Dakota Inn Rathskeller, Detroit’s only authentic German bar. After lunch you will have free time to shop at Eastern Market. Lastly you will have a guided tour of St. Joseph’s Church, designed and built in 1870 by German-born architect Francis Himpler. It is reputed to have the largest swinging bell in the entire United States. You must select your meal choice ahead of time. Flyers (with coupon) available at the FCA or call Evelyn (248) 357-0186. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 9:15 am and return about 4:30 pm.

Viva Italiano - Tuesday, November 18, \$62. You will begin with a narrated tour of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church in Royal Oak. It features elaborate interior and exterior sculptural work by Italian-born sculptor Corrado Parducci. Lunch will be at Loccino Italian grill where you will have five Italian menu options. Your next stop will be at Fieldstone Winery in downtown Rochester where you will sample some of their award-winning wine. Last stop will be shopping time at the amazing shopper’s paradise Nino Salvaggio International Market in Troy. You must make your meal choice ahead of time for this trip also. Flyers (with coupon) available at the FCA or call Evelyn (248) 357-0186. Combo with Nardineers. Depart at 9:30 am and return about 4:00 pm.

If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

Pearl Wanttaja
(248) 541-0054



MEMBER DIRECTORY

A new directory is in the works. If you wish to receive one please let the FCA know. There will be a small fee for each requested directory.

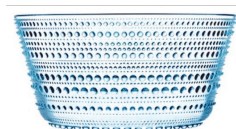
Contact the FCA if your address or phone number has changed or if you wish not to be included in the directory.

We are also looking for some advertisers. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in advertising in the upcoming directory, contact Eija at the FCA.

GIFT SHOP

SEPTEMBER SPECIALS

Selected bowls and shirts on sale.



Come and Celebrate the
40th Anniversary of FCA building dedication
Sunday, Sept 21, 2014
2 pm



Honoring our Past
Celebrating our Present
Sharing a Vision for our Future



Please Join us!
Come Share Your Memories!

Mia Lamminen, Chairman



Finnish Center Association, September 21, 1974

"The Dedication of Finnish Cultural Building September 21, 1974"

(This article was written by Urho Kuusisto and printed in the Nov/Dec 1974 issue of the FCA Newsletter)

Beautiful weather favored the Finnish Center Association Saturday, September 21, when this, the presently largest organization in the Finnish community of Metropolitan Detroit, had its historic moment of opening the doors to its brand new facility, the Finnish Center Cultural Building on 35200 West Eight Mile Rd, in the city of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

The opening ceremony was slated to start at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, but way before that appointed hour, a large crowd of people began gathering at the building site. Among those participating in the opening ceremony were: Mr. Jaakko Bergqvist, cultural attaché from the Embassy of Finland, Washington, D.C., Mr. Tatu Tuohikorpi, Vice consul from the Consulate General of Finland in New York, Mayor protem Earl Oppertausser and Councilwoman Margaret Schaeffer of Farmington Hills, Consul Harri M. Virjo, Senator James Damman, representing the Governor of Michigan, William M. Milliken and Mr. Ted Puuri, chairman of the FCA., Mr. Jussi Himanka, from New York, taped the proceedings from Suomen Yleisradio to be broadcast in Finland. Mr. Elmer Liimatta gave the invocation at the beginning.

Mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Viola Pudas, started the ceremony by introducing the Finlandia Male Chorus of Detroit, Eero Keranen, directing, which sang "The Star Spangled Banner" as Colleen and John Keranen in scout uniforms raised the American flag on the tall flag pole. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. The chorus sang "Maamme", the national anthem of Finland, as Eliisa Mannisto and Don Reinholm dressed in Finnish costumes raised the flag of Finland, a beautiful sky blue cross on a white field, on the other pole. The Finlandia Male Chorus sang "Finlandia".

Now followed the greetings from various guests and Mr. Bergqvist read the greetings from an official letter by the President of Finland, Urho K. Kekkonen. The official greeting of Senator Damman was almost overlooked in the proceedings, but the situation was quickly remedied.

Consul Harri M. Virjo and Chairman Ted Puuri moved to the front entrance of the building where they faced the task of cutting the blue and white ribbons, barring the entrance to the new building. Consul Virjo produced a pair of scissors and proceeded to cut the ribbons with the able assistance of Ted Puuri and the doors were opened to the throng of about 500 waiting behind the doors to enter the new facility which was a sizable hall, kitchen, library, imports gift shop, meeting room and other utilitarian rooms.

Everyone had the chance to inspect the building in and out and enjoy a cup of coffee and "pullaa".

The main hall was already prepared for the evenings dinner and therefore it was roped off - but still it gave everyone a beautiful view of what was going to be there that very same night - the banquet.

At seven o'clock in the evening saw the main hall jammed full of members and friends of the Finnish Center Association and the honored guests at the head of the table, Dr. Sakari Jutila, from Toledo, Ohio acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Invocation and grace was given by Pastor Ron Johnson from Augsburg Ev. Lutheran Church, champagne toast and welcome (although the champagne came somewhat later) by Dr. Jutila, greetings by FCA chairman Ted Puuri, greetings by Marshall Fredericks, Consul of Denmark, Wm. Henry Caswell, Consul of Norway, Count Otto von Rosen on behalf of Consul of Sweden, Mr. Marvin R. Anderson. Vocal selections by Carol Lehi-

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koinen, accompanied by Carol Jouppi, greetings by Consul of Finland, Harri M. Virjo, address by Mr. Jaakko Bergqvist on behalf of Ambassador Leo Tuominen, greetings by Tatu Tuohikorpi, Vice Consul of Finland from New York, vocal selections by Lincoln Hirvela, accompanied by Carol Jouppi, award presentation by Sylva Loukinen to literary contest winner Miss Eleanor Huhta, recitation "Kantele" by Eleanor Huhta with background kantele music by Carol Jouppi and Kantele solo by Carol Jouppi.

Greetings and congratulations were extended by Jussi Himanka from Suomen Yleisradio, Mayor pro tem of Farmington Hills Earl Opperthaus, Al Lehikoinen of the Finlandia Male Chorus, Norval Engleson of the Norwegian Club, Karl Lindgren of the American Scandinavian Foundation, Felix Jackonen of the Detroit Finnish Historical Society, Don Levoska of the Finnish American Club, Martha and Neil Karling of the Ladies and Knights of the Kaleva and Einar Laine of the Detroit Chapter of the Suomi College Alumni who presented a citation from Suomi College, and Mrs. Irja Connolly of the Finnish Summer Camp.

The program closed with the singing of the national anthem accompanied by Carol Jouppi.

After the official program and dinner no one seemed to be in a hurry to leave, but instead lingered there visiting with friends - in some cases that they haven't seen for years. Now, when everybody knows the address of the new facility, it will be easy enough to make that regular meeting place when there is something going on - and that is almost every day! Well, there should be some days of rest every once in awhile!



Eliisa Mannisto Seigle and Don Reinholm wait to raise the flag of Finland on Dedication Day.

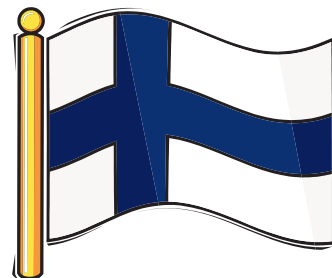


Above front row left to right: Eva Koskimaki, Aira Kuusisto, Viola Pudas, Cecilia Spayd, Signe Gambotto, Shirley Kempainen & Pearl Wanttaja.

Back row left to right: Urho Kuusisto, Harry Virjo, Bruce Kemppainen, Ed Elsila, George Koskimaki, Ted Puuri, Arvid Jacobson, Eero Keranen, Connie Fosness, Eino Kainlauri & Al Wantin at the cornerstone laying ceremony, June 9, 1974.



Left to right: Viola Pudas, Eino Kainlauri and Shirley Kempainen on Dedication Day.



LECTURER OF THE YEAR

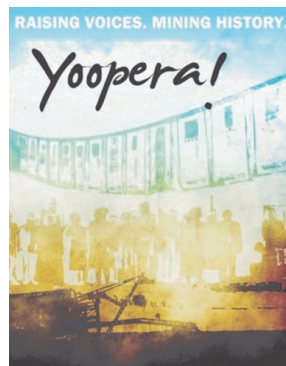
The Lecturer of the Year for 2014 is the filmmaking team of Suzanne Jurva and Erin Smith, the producers of the documentary film *Yoopera!*.

On September 14, at 2:30 p.m., this team will be our guest at the Finnish Center. They will show the film *Yoopera!* and lead a discussion afterward. You don't want to miss this.

Yoopera! tells the story of the collaboration of Finnish and American talent in the making of the opera, *Rockland*, about the murder of two Finnish immigrants in 1906 in Rockland, Michigan, a mining town in the U.P. This opera premiered in both Finland and in Houghton in 2011. The documentary film's title, *Yoopera!*, combines the word "Yooper" and the Finnish word "ooppera."

Suzanne Jurva, director and producer of *Yoopera!*, is an award-winning filmmaker with experience in TV, feature films, and documentaries. Originally from Redford Township, she now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Suzanne was a feature film development executive and head of the research department of DreamWorks-SKG. Her films include *Saving Private Ryan*, *Amistad*, *Prince of Egypt*, and *Gladiator*. Her documentary, *Changing Keys: Billy McLaughlin and the Mysteries of Dystonia*, continues to air on PBS.

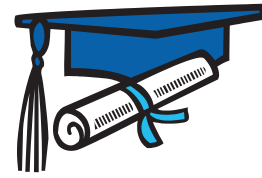
Erin Smith, editor of *Yoopera!*, also has a distinguished career in filmmaking. She is the Director of Humanities Digital Media and senior lecturer in Digital Media and Film at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. For over two decades she has worked with Michigan Tech students on community-based documentaries and has helped commercial and academic institutions adapt to changing production technologies and contexts.



Refreshment contributions are welcome. Thank you.

Submitted by
Yvonne Lockwood

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



The FCA Scholarship Committee awarded college scholarships to the four recipients at a reception in May. Students and family members attended.

This fall Chelsea Niemi is attending Oakland University in Rochester. She is pursuing a degree in Health Services.



Martin Hella, a student at Michigan State University in East Lansing, is majoring in Packaging Engineering.

Erik Sorensen plans to enter Kettering University to focus his attention on Computer Sciences.



Timothy Lawrance is a student at Grove City College in Grove City, Pennsylvania. He is studying Marketing Management. Timothy played the piano at the reception during refreshments.

This year each student received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Finnish Center Scholarship Fund. It was a successful culmination for the efforts of this committee.

The committee will again begin meeting in September to revise and make new plans for awarding next year's scholarships. Nancy Sannar, Scholarship Chairperson. Other members: Dee Aebersold, Joan Daley, Margaret Laurila, Markku Ketola, Lois Makee and Marge Sorensen.

FCA MUSCIANS PERFORM AT FINNFEST IN MINNEAPOLIS



Katri Ervamaa, Cellist performs at the Wesley Center with the FinnFest Chamber Orchestra



The Two Talls Hardy Kefes and Don Reinholm perform at the Tori



FinnFolk perform at the Tori

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



We hope this finds everyone enjoying the beautiful summer! The cool nights are relaxing and restful.

Starting up again on Wednesday, September 24 at noon, we are having the monthly luncheon. The menu will be pasties, salad bar and dessert. This is a nice chance to catch up with friends after the summer break. If you register by Monday, September 22, the cost is \$9, at the door \$10. Call or stop by the office to register.

On Saturday, September 27 from 11am – 4 pm, we will be having our silent auction with proceeds to benefit the Finnish Center. We need nice items to make our auction successful. Food will be available. Come and enjoy a fun day! Please call the office at (248) 478-6939 if you have items that need to be picked up.

Lila and Terry Ball

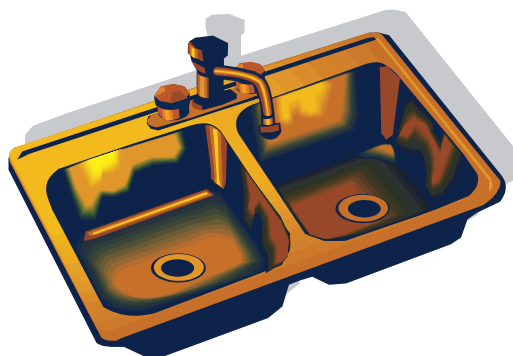
FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Saturday, October 11

9 am - 3 pm

Tables available.

Volunteers needed for Friday and Saturday.



Lots of bargains, possibly even the kitchen sink.

Contact the FCA at (248) 478-6939

SUNDAY BRUNCH IS BACK

Kicking off a new season for Sunday Brunch's September 14, 2014 from noon to 1:30 pm. The same fan favorites will be served with new dishes designed with fresh ingredients. Items are priced a la carte from \$2-\$5. What a bargain! Reservations suggested for groups. We like to think this year will be a winning event! 2,4,6,8, who do we appreciate? Volunteers! (volunteers-cooking, serving, or clean up).



PULLA BAKE

September 12, 2014

9:30 am

No experience necessary.

Contact Ilene Yanke at (248) 887-3538



SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards and words-of-encouragement cards to FCA members.

This little-known function has been around for many years, and can only be accomplished when I am notified that someone needs a card. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Thank you, Marge Salo



FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS PROFILE



This has been a busy summer for our members and you too I imagine. **Won't you join us for practice on Mondays at 7 pm starting the Monday after Labor Day, to sing and enjoy the camaraderie of others that like to "let their hair down" occasionally?** I hope you've noticed the picture of our group in the entry at the FCA, a much more serious group than that pictured at left! Thanks to our former president Ilene Yanke for arranging the "photo-op" and for David Sharpe for taking the pictures.

Perhaps my high school job has kept me around photo obsessed girls for too long, since it was *my* suggestion that we take the "silly" picture you see here. From front to back, left to right we are pictured: (1) Dee Aebersold, Ilene Yanke, Karen Gasinski, (2) Carol Gambotto, Karen Call, Charlotte Lytikainen, Nancy Jacobs, Mary Stapleton, (3) Bill Gramzow, Helena Hatten--, Vickie Kimler, Katy Koskela, Lucy Hanlon, Elaine Weider, Hank Naasko (4), Neil Lehto, Chuck Wendt, Paul Rajala, Ed Dahl, John Hookana. Not present were Dagmar & Jerry Malstrom, Cheri Lehto, Jean Shea and Anna Kimler.

I have introduced many of our group in newsletter articles the past 2 years. I thought readers might enjoy trying to match some "silly" facts about our members (which are in these articles) with the correct singers. Answers appear in another part of the newsletter along with the month their introductions appeared. Were you able to guess the correct singer? I look forward to another year of continuing the glimpses into the history and lives of our FASM singers in these newsletter articles, introducing our newest members as well some more familiar faces. Remember, I'd love to be able to write about *you*, so consider joining the Finnish American Singers. We love to add new singers to our varied and fun group!

1. Watch out for this pinochle playing whiz!
2. Buying pasties at the FCA Flea Market led to joining FASM.
3. This husband "wooed" his wife at the Yale Bologna Festival.
4. Were you ever rowed to school in a rowboat (in all seasons) like this singer?
5. Who might say, "I can do both – sing or play....play or sing?"
6. This singer wrote songs and skits for her dolls to perform, and roped her brother in to perform also!
7. This singer might be more comfortable singing in German instead of Finnish or English.
8. Who has fifty-four (54) first cousins?
9. Attending yoga classes three times a week is a habit for this singer.
10. This singer's U.P. aunt was so eager to be on her own she followed her suitcase out a window and hopped a train!
11. Buses, trains, and automobiles.....They like to travel, but not fly.
12. It might have been tough for this former Navy person to go out on a long mission on a ship....he/she got very sea sick!

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Scribe, Katy Koskela

Answers on page 15



FINLAND TODAY



Teemu Selänne, the Finnish hockey legend,— the former player of Jokerit (Helsinki) and Anaheim Ducks in NHL —, is planning to open an academy, a special kind of ice hall that prepares young players for the NHL. *Finland Today* reports that the academy would be opened at Kirkkonummi, the small municipality of Selänne's childhood, at a site next to the Långvik hotel/spa.

Selänne's business partner in this venture is Roman Rotenberg, a Russian part-owner of Jokerit. Note that Jokerit will join the Kontinental Hockey League (KHL) for the 2014–15 KHL season, making Finland the first Nordic country with a team to join this international league.

The goal of the Selänne's Academy is to implement the experience and know-how from Russian, Finnish, and Swedish ice hockey.

Tests are underway to see if Finnish moss species are suitable as a roofing material. Finland's largest green roof, currently under construction at the Finnish Museum of Natural History in Helsinki, is the main test site for the project. Moss is particularly suitable for roofs with a low load-bearing capacity, because it does not require a thick and heavy layer of growing medium.

In a report from *Reuters*, almost half of Finland's companies are being hurt by the sanctions that both the European Union and Russia have imposed on each other over the Russian annexation of Crimea in the Ukraine. Russia is Finland's third-biggest export market, accounting for about 10 percent of total Finnish sales abroad, while Russian tourists spend roughly 2 billion euros annually in Finland.

Finland has suffered two years of economic contraction due to a weakened demand for key Finnish products such as mobile phones and sand paper. There have been signs that the economy may be emerging from its technical recession, but the Ukraine crisis has increased fears that the recovery will be delayed.

Arctech Helsinki Shipyard signed a contract for building three icebreaking stand-by vessels for the Russia's largest shipping company Sovcomflot. The contract was signed in May and the total value of the order is about \$380 billion. Both the design and construction will be by Arctech. The vessels will operate in thick drifting ice in temperatures as low as minus 22 degrees F and are able to proceed independently in ice as thick as 5 feet.

And finally, Heikki had been logging alone in the north woods for 50 years with the same cross cut saw. Wife Helma, eager to improve their lot by making Heikki more productive prodded, "Heikki, you can cut and sell more logs if you get rid of that old saw and buy a chain saw."

Heikki, always eager to please Helma but unaware of modern logging equipment, went to town to buy a brand new used chain saw. After cutting with it for a week, Heikki took it back to the store and told the clerk, "This saw is no good. I can cut down a tree twice as fast with my old cross cut saw."

The astonished clerk responded, "There is no possible way that your old saw can cut faster than this chainsaw" as he took the saw from Heikki and pulled the starter cord. The saw went "Rrrrrreemm-mm-mm-mm-mm-mm-mm." Heikki's eyes opened wide in surprise and asked, "What is that noise?"

Paul Rajala for Markku Ketola, who is on vacation this month.

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